XL. Numb. 22.

THE OBSERVATOR.

d his Master's Opinion about the Night-Strowlers, call'd Mohawks: *The Origine end the several Disguises in which they have appear'd. The* Examiner, Abel, *&c. their Scouts. The* French *Faction have Mohawk'd the Constitution and the Confe- Some Querys to the* Examiner, *about his Mohawking the* Dutch *in his Paper of ay last.*

From Wednesday, March 12. to Saturday, March 15. 1712.

HAve you heard of a new Colony of Foreigners that has got Footing among us, Master? I was in Hopes that we e no such *Naturalizations*.

thee speak plain English, *Roger*, for I y Ignorance of all mysterious Innuen- ings which are against Law as well as ho if some People get their Will they pass for both.

. I design no Mystery: 'Tis the *Mo-* I mean; and to be sure you have them.

Mohawks, Roger; is that any News? every body had understood them to be ners, for they have been Naturaliz'd *Sacheverell*'s Tryal, and attended him Parades through Town and Coun-

. Say you so, Master? But they did that Name.

matter for that, *Roger*; the Faction eaders partake of the *Camelion*'s Na- change Colours and Names too as . But as the *Tree is known by its Fruits*, known by their Design, which is al- hief, tho they take different Methods fferent Pretences to accomplish it. Knights and Squires who rais'd *Sache-* hawks to insult the Queen and Par- nd to *Tip the Lyon* upon our Lords, *&c.* in the Streets, pretended a Zeal hurch and the Monarchy: And in Esteem, *Dammaree* and *Purchase* who Subalterns, attack'd the Guards, led hat burnt the Meeting-Houses, and to pull down and plunder the Bank, erited Pardon, but a Reward. Thus ks and their Leaders met *Sacheverell* h, and insulted the Justice of the ring his Parades, on pretence of ap- r the Honour of the Church; But who is said to have accidentally met in his Progress, and ask'd him, *How ender was behind?* seems to have taken right.

tion, who are very well vers'd at Changes, did afterwards appear in Colours at one and the same time: had the Art to tack Hereditary Right *Hanover* Succession together in their to declare for the Constitution and of electing Magistrates and Mem- bers of Parliament, and at the same time to violate the fundamental Libertys of the Nation, in attacking the Whig Candidates by their Mohawks, who spit in the Faces of our Chief Magistrates, and threaten'd to murder such Whigs as stood for Parliament Men at the Places of Election. They have since that time endeavour'd to Mohawk the Confederates into a scandalous Peace with *France*, and are for slitting the Noses, and tearing the Jaws of such of the Allies as declare their Resolutions to carry on the War, till *France* be made uncapable of disturbing the Peace of *Europe* any more.

Countrym. You have given me a pretty History of the Mohawks indeed, Master; I did not understand it before; but now I perceive them to be a numerous and formidable Body. *The Examiner*, the Author of *The Conduct of the Allies*, and our Friend *Abel*, are some of the Scouts of those noble Heroes, and have done their utmost Endeavours to Mohawk the Union and Barrier-Treatys, the Empire, and the *Dutch* Commonwealth. The *Examiner* is so intent upon the Latter in his Paper of *Thursday* last, that he squirts his Ink in the Face of the *Dutch*, with so much Fury, that he's resolv'd to make 'em as black as the Devil. He cuts and slashes their Minister at a terrible rate, for offering to make a Bargain with our Court to leave *Spain* and the *West Indies* to the *House of Bourbon*, provided they would allow the *Dutch* a Share in the Advantages which *France* had offer'd us.

Obs. The *Examiner* acts the Part of a Mohawk indeed, *Roger*, since he is so far transported with Rage as to fall upon our Court that he may stab the *Dutch* through their Sides. I hope our Ministry will think it worth their while to enquire who inform'd the *Examiner* that such Advantagious Offers were made them by *France?* Whether this be not an impudent Charge against them and the *Dutch* both, that they would be brib'd by *Lewis* XIV. to break their Alliances with the *House of Austria?* And whether this be not a shameless Forgery, since her Majesty's Plenipotentiarys, and those of the *Dutch*, have both declared in the Names of their Principals, That they are for recovering *Spain* and the *West-Indies* from the *House of Bourbon*, and restoring them to the *Austrian Family?*

Countrym. I believe these are Questions, Master, which the *Examiner* and his Prompters won't care to answer.

Obs.

Obſ. We are not to ſuſpect their Courage, *Roger*, whatever ground we have to doubt their Honeſty, for you ſee they have M. *de St. Didier*'s Hiſtory of the Negociations at *Nimeguen*, ready at Hand to help them at a dead Lift; Yet I muſt needs tell you, that had not the *Examiner* and his Maſters the Impudence of *Mohawks*, they wou'd have kept their Thumbs upon that Matter, leſt they ſhou'd give the *Dutch* an opportunity to make Repriſals upon 'em, by quoting the Letters and Memoirs of the Count *d' Eſtrades* about the ſame Treaty of *Nimeguen*, where we meet with many foul Paſſages both of our own and the *French* Courts proceedings, in order to betray the *Dutch* and their Confederates. It appears by the ſaid Count's Writings, that *Lewis* XIV. tempted the *Dutch* to abandon the Houſe of *Auſtria*, by offering them as good a Barrier, and as large a ſhare in the *Netherlands*, as the *Examiner* and his fellow Scribblers are now ſo angry with. Beſides, If we may truſt that *French* Author, the Lord *B . . . y*, who was then one of our Plenipotentiarys, acted a very infamous part, in betraying not only whatever was diſcours'd with the *Dutch* and their Allies in particular Congreſſes, but likewiſe what paſs'd betwixt himſelf, Sir *William Temple*, and the other *Engliſh* Plenipotentiarys in their Conferences upon that Subject, and what is worſe than all, the Count gives very broad hints, that King *Charles* II. himſelf was in the Secret.

Countrym. Alas, for the poor *Examiner!* He is a ſilly *Mohawk* indeed. Had his Reading or his Thought been equal to his Malice, he wou'd certainly have been aware of ſuch an obvious Reply. I'm afraid his Maſters will abridge his Allowance for ſuch manifeſt Blunders as he has been guilty of in his laſt Paper, by which he expoſes 'em to the Reſentments of the Court.

Obſ. There's no great fear of the *Examiner*'s being Diſcarded for that, *Roger*; Thoſe who prompt this Tool and his Brother *Abel*, *&c.* can get none but ſuch Impudent and Traiterous Blunderers to ſerve 'em. No Man of Senſe will engage in a Cauſe that bids Defyance to Senſe and Reaſon, nor wou'd this Wretch, had he not been one of the Incurables, have made ſuch a Charge upon *Great-Britain* and her Confederates as he concludes his Paper with, at a time when by their Joynt-Demands, they juſtify the Cauſe of their beginning the War, and the Neceſſity of carrying it on with Vigour, till it iſſue in a Safe, Honourable and laſting Peace. But this brainleſs Scribbler, and his Maſters, are ſo much afraid of ſuch a Peace, that every one may perceive there is nothing but Confuſion in their Writings, Looks, and Proceedings, which ſufficiently teſtify the Diſorder of their Minds, and that they are Mortally afraid of being overtaken by Juſtice.

Countrym. Why truly, Maſter, I think they have very good Reaſon; for as the Divine Juſtice has viſibly begun to avenge itſelf upon their Grand Patron *Lewis* XIV. in all probability it will not be long before it reach his Tools, who are as much harden'd as himſelf, and by all their Meaſures, are pulling down thoſe Judgments upon themſelves which they wou'd ſeem ſo Careſully to avoid. The Confederacy, the Revolution, the *Hanover* Succeſſion, with the Union and Barrier Treatys, which they have ſo Furiouſly attack'd, will ſtand their Ground againſt them, and bury the Faction in that very Gulph of Ruin which they deſign for others, however they may ſeem to flatter themſelves with Proſperity and Succeſs for a time. But pray, give me your Opinion of this new *Mohawks*, which commit ſo many and have made ſuch a Noiſe about late.

Obſ. I think I have given you a count of their Origine, *Roger*. The ſpawn of that Anarchical Crew who long inſulted our Conſtitution, and tachment of the ſober Party, as our Grubſtreet Pamphleteers are taught I make no doubt, when that Matter to the bottom, but the Tribe will appear a-kin to that of *Damaree* and *Purchase* Men who have made ſo bold with the tion, can never be ſuppos'd to make of ſuch Outrages on particular Perſons *Mohawks* have committed. I look upon be only the Van or Forlorn Hope of the and the *Pretender*'s Faction, who do can to involve the Nation in Diſorders Buſineſs is to Fiſh in Troubled Waters Perſons as theſe, are very fit to be Leaders other midnight Expeditions that ſhall be taken by our *Sacheverelites* and *Jacobites* ſince the Government has taken due againſt thoſe impudent Night ſtrowlers reaſon to hope the Deſign is nipp'd tho' certainly 'tis a very fair Warning one to be upon their Guard. I hope will be made after Papiſts and other Perſons about Town, that they may be according to Law, and not endanger by New Flames.

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The SPECTATOR.

Sævis inter se convenit Ursis. Juv.

Wednesday, March 12. 1712.

SPECTATOR,

'THE Materials you have collected together towards a general History of Clubs, make so bright a Part of your Speculations, that I think it is but a we all owe the learned World, to furnish h such Assistances as may promote that Work. For this Reason I could not forbear nicating to you some imperfect Informa- a Set of Men (if you will allow them a that Species of Being) who have lately themselves into a nocturnal Fraternity, he Title of *The Mohock Club*; a Name ed it seems from a sort of *Cannibals* in who subsist by plundering and devouring Nations about them. The President is *mperor of the Mohocks*; and his Arms are a Crescent, which his Imperial Majesty bears t in a very extraordinary Manner engraven is Forehead. Agreeable to their Name, owed Design of their Institution is Mis- and upon this Foundation all their Rules lers are framed. An outragious Ambition g all possible Hurt to their Fellow-Crea- the great Cement of their Assembly, and y Qualification required in the Members. to exert this Principle in its full Strength fection, they take Care to drink themselves h, that is, beyond the Possibility of at- to any Motions of Reason or Humanity; ke a general Sally, and attack all that are tunate as to walk the Streets thro' which roll. Some are knock'd down, others others cut and carbonado'd. To put ch to a total Rout, and mortify some of offensive Militia, is reckon'd a *Coup d'eclat*. rticular Talents by which these *Misan*re distinguish'd from one another, consist arious kinds of Barbarities which they pon their Prisoners. Some are celebra- a happy Dexterity in tipping the Lion m; which is perform'd by squeezing the t to the Face, and boring out the Eyes ir Fingers: Others are call'd the Dane-

'ing-Masters, and teach their Scholars to cut Capers by running Swords thro' their Legs; a new Invention, whether originally *French* I cannot tell: A third Sort are the Tumblers, whose Office it is to set Women upon their Heads, and commit certain Indecencies, or rather Barbarities, on the Limbs which they expose. But these I forbear to mention, because they can't be but very shocking to the Reader as well as the SPECTATOR. In this Manner they carry on a War against Mankind; and by the standing Maxims of their Policy, are to enter into no Alliances but one, and that is offensive and defensive with all Bawdy-Houses in general, of which they have declar'd themselves Protectors and Guarantees.

'I must own, Sir, these are only broken incoherent Memoirs of this wonderful Society, but they are the best I have been yet able to procure; for being but of late Establishment, it is not ripe for a just History: And to be serious, the chief Design of this Trouble is to hinder it from ever being so. You have been pleas'd, out of a Concern for the Good of your Countrymen, to act under the Character of SPECTATOR, not only the Part of a Looker-on, but an Overseer of their Actions; and whenever such Enormities as this infest the Town, we immediately fly to you for Redress. I have reason to believe, that some thoughtless Youngsters, out of a false Notion of Bravery, and an immoderate Fondness to be distinguished for Fellows of Fire, are insensibly hurried into this senseless scandalous Project: Such will probably stand corrected by your Reproofs, especially if you inform them, that it is not Courage for half a Score Fellows, mad with Wine and Lust, to set upon two or three soberer than themselves; and that the Manners of *Indian* Savages are no becoming Accomplishments to an *English* fine Gentleman. Such of them as have been Bullies and Scowrers of a long standing, and are grown Veterans in this Kind of Service, are I fear too hardned to receive any Impressions from your Admonitions. But I beg you would recommend to their Perusal your Ninth Speculation: They

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Portsmouth,

At the Deſire of ſeveral Ladies of Quality.
By her Majeſty's Company of Comedians.
A [illegible] Tragedy Royal in Drury Lane

Yeſterday was publiſhed,
The Medley. To be continued, and ſo
on Monday's and Friday's, by A. Baldwin in Warwick

ager Regent, after the adjuſting of ſome Ceremonies concerning his Reception, arrived here on Sunday laſt, and was received by the Emperor and the two Empreſſes with particular Marks of Affection and Eſteem. The Diſcourſes continue that a Marriage will be ſolemnized between Prince Charles of Newbourg and the ſecond Arch-Dutcheſs, Daughter of the Emperor Leopold, and that Elizabeth, the firſt Arch-Dutcheſs, will go to Barcelona to take upon her the Adminiſtration of that Government in the Place of the Empreſs-Regent, who is to come to this Court; but neither of theſe two important Points have as yet, been reſolved upon. In the mean time, great Preparations and magnificent Habits are making for his Imperial Majeſty, to be us'd at his Coronation at Presbourg, in his Kingdom of Hungary, for which Place he deſigns to ſet out before the tenth of April next, and deſigns to ſtay ſome time to ſettle the Affairs of that Country.

Berlin, March 12. *N. S.* The Muſcovite and Poliſh Envoys who are at this Court, aſſure us, that not only the Fortreſs of Aſoph has been ſurrendred, but that the Fortifications of Tangarock have been likewiſe demoliſhed; ſo that Peace will, in all probability, continue in thoſe Parts. The Princeſs Royal being recovered, and the young Prince continuing in good Health, her Highneſs went in a ſolemn manner, on Sunday laſt, to the Chapel in the Caſtle to return Thanks for her Deliverance, and Publick Thanſgivings have been made in all the Churches of this City. The Recruits which have been levied for the Troops of his Pruſſian Majeſty remaining now in Flanders, will begin their March upon the fifteenth of this Month, for that Country; all the other Troops which have had their Winter Quarters in his Majeſty's own Provinces, are already compleated.

Hanover, March 18. *N. S.* Monſieur Schlinik, Envoy Extraordinary from his Czariſh Majeſty to this Court, return'd hither ſome few Days ſince from Wolfembuttel. The Officers belonging to the Troops of his Electoral Highneſs of Hanover, which are in the Service of the Allies, are departed hence with their Recruits for Flanders, and General Bulo, who is to reaſſume the Command of thoſe Forces, will ſpeedily follow. Some Days ago a great many Engliſh Horſes paſs'd through this Place, for the Service of the King of Poland, who, according to our laſt Letters from Dreſden, will ſet out on the twentieth Inſtant for that Kingdom, to be preſent at the Diet, which will aſſemble about the beginning of April. Letters from Poland adviſe, That, purſuant to the Treaty of Peace which the Czar had concluded with the Ottoman Port, his Officers had deliver'd up Aſoph to the Turks, and had demoliſhed the other Fortreſſes mention'd in the ſaid Treaty: But that the Sultan, at preſent, inſiſts upon the Execution of other Articles, and requires, That his Czariſh Majeſty ſhould not any longer intermeddle with the Affairs of Poland; but his Troops which are marched into that Kingdom ſhould immediately be recall'd; That his Majeſty ſhould no longer give any diſturbance to the Coſſacks, but ſuffer them to live after their antient Cuſtoms; and, That he ſhall grant a free Paſſage for the King of Sueden to return to his own Dominions. Theſe Letters add, That they doubt not but ſince the Czar has ſurrendred Aſoph, he will likewiſe execute theſe other Articles, that the Peace may receive no interruption.

Hague, March 22. *N. S.* On the Twentieth of this Inſtant the States General held an unuſual Aſſembly, in the Morning after Sermon, upon extraordinary Occaſions. Sir James Wiſhart, who is appointed by Her Majeſty the Queen of Great Britain, to concert with the States-General ſuch Matters as relate to the Sea Service for the enſuing Summer, has had frequent Conferences with the Grand Penſionary Heinſius, and the Deputies of the Admirlty, concerning what he has propoſed to them.

St. James's March 13. This Evening Prince Eugene of Savoy had a Private Audience of Leave of Her Majeſty, to which he was introduc'd by the Right Honourable Henry St. John, Eſquire, One of Her Majeſty's Principal Secretaries of State.

Whereas Sir William Thomas, Bart. in Company with Two other Men, yet unknown, did, on Saturday the 15th Inſtant, aſſault a Gentleman in St. James's Park, between the Hours of Nine and Ten at Night, for which Offence the ſaid Sir William Thomas has ſince been taken into Cuſtody; The Gentleman who was aſſaulted is hereby deſired to appear before One of Her Majeſty's Principal Secretaries of State, and give his Evidence in this Matter.

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